'Dolly' gets April date

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At war with Iraq: Events leading to U.S. attack

By Adam Breerwood

It was Saddam Hussein's easiest conquest. At 2 a.m. on August 2 with the torrid desert air as cool as it was going to get, hundreds of Iraqi tanks moved across the border into the rich but tiny country of Kuwait. Soon they were rumbling down a six-lane highway toward the thinly defended opulence of Kuwait City.

Saddam Hussein, hungry for money, but greedier still for regional dominance, knew before the first of his soldiers crossed the border that it would be a walkover—and it was. In 12 hours, Kuwait was his.

The reasons for Hussein's invasion have never been fully clarified or accepted by the free world. Hussein's most bitter complaint against Kuwait was that the gulf state had been grossly overproducing oil. Kuwait's excess pumping of oil had depressed the average price of a barrel nearly $7. Iraq, which relies on oil for nearly 95 percent of its export revenues, claims that every $1 drop in the price of a barrel of oil cost them $1 billion a year. As Saddam saw it, the Kuwaitis might as well have been stealing from his treasury.

There was also the quarrel over the rich Rumaila oil field, a finger-shaped deposit whose tip reaches just into frontier territories claimed by both Iraq and Kuwait. Iraq insists that when its attention was turned to fighting Iran in 1980, Kuwait moved the border 2.5 miles north to tap into Rumaila. Now Saddam wants $2.4 billion in compensation for oil he claims Kuwait withdrew.

Then there was insistence from Saddam that Kuwait forgive $10 billion to $20 billion in loans it extended to help fund Iraq's eight-year war against Iran. These were some initial reasons of Hussein's attack.

Saddam Hussein now says he

Old Glory waves at home and overseas.

refuses to leave Kuwait until the Palestine situation is settled. Whatever the reason, many countries feel Hussein should be out of Kuwait. For nearly five months now, American military power has poured into the Persian Gulf, at a speed outstripping the United States buildup in Vietnam a generation ago. In August, the U.S. plan was to send 210,000 troops. Today we have more than 550,000 American troops in Saudi Arabia willing to die for me, for you and for the protection of the land we call home.

The world is ready to stand up to this bully, Saddam Hussein. The United Nations Security Council voted for tough economic sanctions mandatory for all United Nations members aimed at strangling Saddam until he released Kuwait from his grip. The United Nations Security Council condemned Iraq's invasion and annexation of Kuwait. The U.N. also set a Jan. 15 deadline for Hussein to be protected from the world. As added encouragement, and to dissuade the Iraqi bully from pushing any farther into the Arabian Peninsula, various navies began to crowd the Persian Gulf as well as the Mediterranean, Red and Arabian Seas. They were well placed to enforce a blockade of Iraq. The United States poured thousands of troops into Saudi Arabia to stare down the Iraqis gathered at the border of Kuwait.

The United States deployed ground forces and air units to protect Saudi Arabia. Britain sent two squadrons of combat planes. Members of the Arab League sent troops. The United States, Britain, France, Canada, Australia, West Germany, The Netherlands and Belgium moved to position naval vessels to enforce a blockade. The Soviet Union dispatched ships as a precaution.

Saddam said, American troops who are expecting "to perform acrobatics like Rambo movies" would lose against his battlehard troops. Saddam's tough talk diminished hopes of that United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar would succeed in what would be a final attempt to persuade Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. James Baker told Air Force pilots in Saudi Arabia that they would not have to wait much longer. "Just so there is no misunderstanding, let me be absolutely clear. We pass the brink at midnight, January 15."

On January 16, America joined the war.

New Year's resolve

By Steven Bradley

"I plan to lose weight," "I plan to quit smoking," and "I plan to get better grades" are among the many New Year's resolutions we try to incorporate into our daily lives.

As another year comes to an end, many of us ponder those aspects of out lives that can be bettered. We decide that there must be an attempt made. What better time to try than the start of a new year.

Many of our students have made New Year's resolutions. Let's hear what some had to say:

SSC Junior Greg Altese: "I will be more watchful of armadillos while driving at night."

SSC Freshman Elliot Black: "I will be more respectful of my parents."

OLA Junior Tami Satchfield: "I will be a more defensive driver."

OLA Freshman Mary Scardino: "I am going to think of a resolution for next year."

There are of course many more. While resolutions are made to be broken, some of us will hold firm. There's no time like the present to try hard to make it happen.

Band gets off to good start

By Dwayne Bremer

Amid the success of the football team, the SSC marching and concert bands are also enjoying a great year.

The band competed in the Gulf Coast Marching Festival and received superior ratings in all four categories. A month later the band traveled to Tylertown, Miss. to compete and received superior ratings. The drum line also received an award for the best in its classification.

After the competitions the band marched in the Waveland Veterans Day parade and also the Bay St. Louis Christmas parade. The band completed the first half of the year with an excellent Christmas concert.

During the Mardi Gras holidays the band is scheduled to march in the Bacchus parade in New Orleans. Next spring the band will go to Orlando, Fla. where it will compete in concert.

208 students named to Honor Roll

By Julio Castano

More than 200 students achieved Honor Roll status during the second quarter term ending December 21. They include:

Sixth Grade

Alpha: Andrew Belcher.

Beta: Anthony Gallo, Mark Schulingkamp, Jeffrey Stokes.

Seventh Grade

Alpha: David Bell, Jeremy Compretta, Jeremy Grannan, Andy Harris, Casey Heitzmann, Brett Hollifield, Charles Johnson, David Manasco, Mike Marks, Robert McCoy, Paul Nguyen, Wes Pugh, Michael Walker.

Beta: Adam Bennett, Eduardo Castilla, Bobby Christenberry, Buddy Dauterive, Scott Esher, Correy Gex, John Guy, Ross Hailey, Dennis Knight, Bryan Lee, Inigo Puente, Briton Richardson, Raymond Tracy, Salvador Velazquez, Randall Watts, Robbie Welz, Stephen Wilkin.

Eighth Grade

President's List: Patrick Cousins.

Alpha: Jason Brunsell, Scott Dennis, Saul Fontenot-Amedee, Andy Kimbrell, Rodrigo Llanos, Jeep Mestayer, Jeremy Meyers, John Nguyen, Matthew Ross, Eugene Schmitt, Anthony Tran, Shane Vercher, Sean Ziegeler.

Beta: Brandon Benoit, Michael Caboni, Chris Carville, Eric Coffer, Ashley Cox, Bobby Essick, William Hillyer, Chris Hirstius, Timothy Kayes, David Matheson, Nathan Middleton, Alton Mitchell, Jody Montelaro, Brooks Quinlan, Kai Roth, Steve Saucier, Harvey Timberlake, Scott Unangst, Milton Villarrubia, Todd Weatherspoon, Travis Weidlich, Ben Williams, Travis Zito.

Ninth Grade

Alpha: Scott Cuevas, Jacques DeMontluzin, Keith Kararick, Brandon Terry, Ricardo Velazquez, Bobby Williams, Ryan Preble.

Beta: Asad Azhar, Scott Clements, Daniel Danjean, David DeVillier, Ashton Feehan, Josh Francingues, Philip Garcia, Jim Henry, Michael James, Eduardo Jimenez, Nicholas Jordan, Frank Kerbl, Duncan Loughridge, Peter Martinez, Hunter Roth, Drew Scafide, Troy Schwant, Lee Seal, Regan Taylor, Scott Wagner, Steve Warren.

Tenth Grade

President's List: Mansel Bell.

Alpha: Bob Armbrester, Fred Asher, John Cichon, David Eve, Roberto Jimenez, Geoffrey Kohl, Stephen Landry, Wayne Murphy, Mark Schutt, Bernard Sy, Douglas Villavaso, Sean Zeringue.

Beta: Brian Allen, Chad Ambrose, Juan Andricain, James Bailey, Lloyd Boudreaux, Scott Emmel, Mason Evans, Jason Joy, Derrick Kendall, Myron Labat, Jeff Loup, Gene Moran, Steve Napoli, Chris Penton, Clifton Pope, Pete Ritten, Beau Schindler, Dan Tracy.

Eleventh Grade

President's List: Martin Braud, Matt Brunner, Charles Merrigan.

Alpha: Steven Champagne, Jonathan Compretta, Bill Dreher, Andrew Lazzara, Michael Lee, Mickey Quinlan, Elliot Selle, Samuel Simpson, Tate Thriffiley, J. T. Wood.

Beta: Greg Altese, Richard Ayme, George Becker, Adam Breerwood, Dwayne Bremer, Sean Cassidy, Dale DeCamp, Andre Desormeaux, Philip Fasullo, Ryan Harrell, Ron Kayes, Brian LaLonde, Raul Lanos, Scott Marechal, Earl Moran, Max Pailet, Dwayne Raphael, Brandon Rhodes, Stephen Schruff, Paul Stephen, Tent Terrell, Grady Thigpen, Kerry Wittmann.

Twelfth Grade

President's List: Blake Harrison, Manning Montagnet, Scott Niolet.

Alpha: Kevin Bourg, Julio Castano, George Holder, Clay Kenney, Thear Lemoine, Tory Lowe, Brien Martin, Jared Martzell, Mitchell Montelaro, Philip Pratt, Jason Reitmeyer, Billy Saunders, Jay Scarola, Michael Thomas, Travis Todd, Nicholas Walker, Wade Weidman, Andrew Williams.

Beta: Neil Alford, Vincent Altese, Dennis Behan, Mark Carter, Chris Delgado, John Estay, Jeffrey Gensburger, Jesse Hays, Chad Israel, Scott Peterson, John Roussell, Antoine Saacks, Michael Sauviac, Robert Shelleck, James Shields, Brad Sweeney, Chris Thompson, Sean Wright, Erik York, Kevin Schexnayder.

Editorials & Letters

The Mental War

There he stood, gun in hand,
Somewhere in the desert sand
Fighting in a foreign land
For a reason he could no longer understand.

He traced his memory back a way
To the anguish he felt yesterday.
He remembered hearing a newsman say,
"The draft is back, this time to stay."

So many men had gone before
To stop the closing of freedom's door.
That's why he accepted this war,
But it didn't make sense anymore.

He was scared, and rightly so.
Killed in war is no way to go.
He was only 19, and didn't know
If his courage would ever show.

He pointed his gun against his ear
As he felt the enemy drawing near.
He pulled the trigger, no longer to fear.
The fight for freedom that brought him here.

He woke up in a cold, cold sweat,
Frightened from a dream he could not forget,
But thankful his death had not been met
As his dream was not a reality... yet.

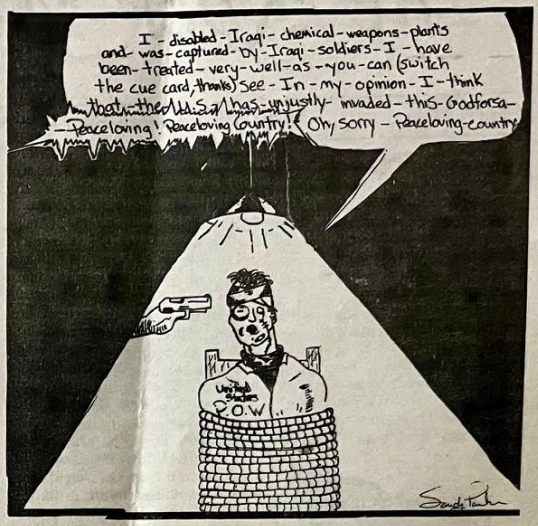
He soon learned the war had begun.
His first instinct was to up and run.
He no longer wanted to pick up a gun
In the blistering Iraqi sun.

But he was soon overcome with pride.
He'd be there, gun at his side.
He no longer felt he needed to hide,
Until he heard of those who died.

He couldn't decide if he'd go and fight.
He wasn't sure if it was right.
And as he listened to the U.S. attack Iraq by night,
He was once again overcome with fright.

And if full-scale war was about to break,
And if millions of lives were put at stake,
Then fighting would be the choice he'd take,
But he hoped it was a decision he'd never have to make.

—Scott Niolet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Oh, sorry - Peaceloving - country
P.O.W

Dress code

Within this last year I have noticed a disturbing, but generally accepted, abuse of a school code.

Certain hairstyles are being worn that draw undue attention. The school dress code, I believe, is one of the main characteristics that make our school what it is: a school that develops character within the student body and prepares them for college.

I have attended St. Stanislaus for four years, and within those years I have always respected and admired our dress code. The hairstyles I have often seen around campus are a violation of those rules and should be changed. Get haircuts!

Peter David Ritten

Overseas sponsors

The 10A class has decided to each give $5 so that we can sponsor a poor child overseas. For $50 we can feed a school child for a year. For $250 we can build a small house for a family over there.

I think every class in the school should do this. We could make it a contest. The class who can sponsor the most kids will win. The thing that I think is best about what we are doing is that Mr. Ganleano said, whatever the class puts in he will match it.

Jeff Bishop

For sailing

The sport of competitive sailing is growing in popularity and importance in secondary schools throughout the country. Many national regattas for high school sailing teams are being held each year, providing competition among schools. A sailing team would be a beneficial addition to St. Stanislaus athletics.

Such team would provide sailors who participate a chance to become involved in a school-related sport on a yearly basis. It would also allow sailors to sharpen their skills throughout the year.

St. Stanislaus would directly benefit from a sailing team. It would put the school in touch with other excellent high schools throughout the country that have successful sailing programs. Most of all, St. Stanislaus would benefit from all the achievements attained by the team.

A sailing team would greatly broaden our athletic vision. Many students would receive additional opportunities from competitive sailing.

Sailors, let's make it happen!

Wayne Murphy

Conscientious objectors

So far there have been three volunteer U.S. Marines who have been brought up on charges of being Absent Without Official Leave (AWOL).

They claim that they are conscientious objectors, someone who refuses to serve in the armed forces because they have a moral or religious objection to violence. They are all volunteer soldiers in the Marine Corps and did not suffer from their objection until the Iraq crisis came about.

So their cases are not holding much ground in court. One such objector has already been sent to a military jail. The others are still pending.

One of their arguments is that they did not understand what the military required of people enlisting. The advertisements for the military were misleading and did not give the correct concept of the military, that it was all glory and did not mention that you will have to kill anyone or go to war.

Another National Guard soldier earlier backed out by saying that the President does not have the authority to send him to a war zone, that the order had to come from the Congress.

This is an example of people taking advantage of our government. The government paid for their education and training to fight in a war, but when it came to fighting, they backed out.

Chris La Violette

For war

In my opinion, President Bush has done a fine job in taking measures against Iraq. We cannot let Hussein, an insane dictator, take countries as he pleases and completely overturn the world's economy. He must be stopped either peacefully or with force.

All measures for peace have been tried, and there is nothing else to be done except to use force. On the other hand, I am frustrated at the cry of, "no blood for oil." The people who chant this are missing the point.

According to them, we would stand idly by and let Iraq take over any country that they want as long as there is not a drop of oil in it. Of course not! We would have taken action anyway if Kuwait had had no oil. Kuwait was a peaceful country, easily brutalized.

This mad dictator of Iraq has to be stopped, or we will suffer the consequences as we did in World War II when we let Hitler do as he pleased for too long.

Sean Zeringue

SADD gets a move on

By Julio Castano

Students Against Drunk Driving has announced the election of officers who will head this organization for the year.

They are Julio Castano, president; Max Pailet, vice-president; Mike Davidge, treasurer and John Godfrey, secretary.

The objectives of SADD this year are to help students realize the great numbers of accidents and deaths caused by alcohol—related incidents, and also to help improve the attitude of the student body toward alcohol and drugs.

Students Against Drunk Driving is an organization much like the Key Club. It tries to service the community in a way of alerting the public, and most importantly the students of St. Stanislaus on the dangers

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The Rock-A-Chaw

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News and Features

War-Round-up

War vs. Peace

By Galen Smith

It seems as though everyone wants to go to war and rid the world of Saddam Hussein. But when the question is asked, "Are you ready to make the trip across the water yourself?" minds tend to forget the cause and focus instead on one thing: saving our own lives.

That is understandable. We are just like the next person. If we have a problem, let's solve it. But in this case it's war, and we are as afraid to go as the next person. If called, we have no choice and will go out of respect for our country.

We don't want to go to war because of the lives that will be lost and the families that will be devastated. Young men and women are in the prime of their lives, just really beginning to know what the world is about. They may not come home and be able to fulfill their dreams, hopes, and wishes.

We're not totally against war. We could do without it. Yet, this *may* be the only way to solve this world problem. Yes, Saddam Hussein must be stopped. The only way this will come about is by war. Let's remember that the United States is over there. We must show our soldiers respect and support. In any and every war we must show them that we are behind them 100 percent. If we don't, our being there is useless.

Adlai Stevenson once said, "As citizens of this democracy, you are the ruler and the ruled, the lawgivers and the law-abiding, the beginning and the end."

No matter what, let's support our troops. They are supporting us and willing to give up their lives so that we and our nation can move ahead.

Against War

By Dennis Behan

The American people stand firm on the idea of eliminating Saddam Hussein. On the surface this seems like the most efficient way of ending the conflict in the Middle East. However, the underlying problem is much more complex than one would think.

The elimination of Saddam Hussein could possibly worsen the situation in the Middle East. The apparent heir to Hussein would be his son-in-law, the heartless minister of the military. An unstable, leaderless Iraq would be even more devastating to the interests of the United States. Internal feuding and external pressures from surrounding counties could cause a split by the Iraqi people. In turn, Iraq would become a battleground for more territorial rights.

The Shiite Moslems make up half of Iraq's population. If Iraq were leaderless, the Shiites would press for a separate republic. Shiite Iran, armed with new sophisticated Russian-made fighter jets, would back the Shiite Iraqis expecting as an ally.

The Kurds, who occupy the area near Iraq's nothern oil fields, may also press for a separate republic. It would be in the best interest of the United States and her allies not to have a Kurdish state in OPEC.

Iraq's border countries may also fight over Saddam's lost land. Turkey would claim the old Ottoman administrative at Mosul, Syria would attempt to install a puppet regime by way of the Bath Party that rules both countries.

An Iraq held together by Saddam has helped the balance of power in the Middle East for the past decade. Iraq has long served as a balance between Israel and 60 million Persians.

Destroying Iraq without an alternative for the future could cause an unstable power vacuum in the Middle East. If Americans kill Arabs, the Middle East could be disrupted in the future. A peaceful, non-violent solution to this dilemma would have been in the best interest to the United States.

Peace prayer service

By Kevin Bourg

In mid-January, our Big Brother/Little Brother program, which included Mr. Walter Damiens, sponsored a peace prayer service which was attended by the student body and faculty.

The prayer service was led by Student Council President Paul Johnson who gave the introduction and Pledge of Devotion to God.

Senior Scott Niolet and seventh grader Mike Walker followed with readings of Psalm 27 and Psalm 91.

Junior Adam Breerwood gave an ongoing summary of what is going on in the Gulf region.

We then heard prayers for peace by Billy Saunders and ended with the singing of "God Bless America" and "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

As shown by our response to the prayer service, the issue in Iraq does worry many students. Some of us may have family and friends who may be fighting. Let us not forget those in the desert serving our nation.

PAUL JOHNSON

Council president Thibodeaux native

By Steven Bradley

Student Council President Paul Johnson, a boarding student who hails from Thibodeaux, La. has been at St. Stanislaus since his freshman year.

The council meets on the average once a month and hears questions and answers about subjects of interest to students. Accepted subjects are presented to the staff or the director of student activities. If accepted, the council will begin implementation. Some subjects are presented by the board, and others come directly from the students.

"We try to work within an accepted framework. After the agenda is agreed upon, suggestions and comments from the student body are reviewed by representatives of the council. When the council considers a subject which has the majority consent, a decision is reached and presented to the staff or the activities director. The Student Council acts on the ideas of the student body. Every project they undertake will benefit the students."

Johnson, reminiscing, said he would like to see a project that was presented to the student body when he was a freshman implemented. It is "Project Aware" and involves talks given to the students by prisoners.

"There is a great lesson to be learned from the mistakes of others. I believe we could all benefit from such a lesson," he said.

'Dolly' practice gets April date

By Julio Castano and Kevin Bourg

This year's Drama Club has been in the process of practicing for the award-winning musical "Hello Dolly," which will be staged in April.

Mr. Walter Damiens, drama instructor, has pulled together a talented group of students to help in making Dolly a great success.

The play will be held at the newly-built auditorium on Bay Senior High's campus. This auditorium provides the cast with facilities that will allow them to feel as if they were true professionals for at least four nights. Before, all performances by the Drama Club were presented at our own Brother Peter Memorial Gym which is not as suitable as the Bay High site.

The cast this year will be led by student director Julio Castano, who also has a major role in the play as Vandegelder. He will be supported by Anna DeMarco as Dolly. Other cast members include Dennis Behan as Barnaby; Juan Andrican as Cornelius; Alyson Cousins as Ermergade; Swannah McNair as Mrs. Molloy; Jean Williams as Minnie; George Holder as Ambrose Kemper; and a talented group of singers and dancer.

This year's play will be a magnificent showing of the talent that our schools possess. The cast hopes that you will take the time to see this excellent musical and invites everyone and their families to attend.

Covered walk ready soon

By Dennis Behan

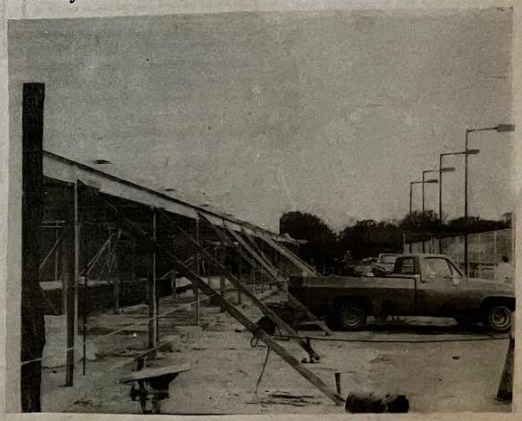
Local contractors have begun work on what will be a covered walkway from the cafeteria to the gymnasium.

Heitzman Contractors is being paid a sum of $75,000 to complete the project. Over 300 3x6 grooved yellow pine floor boards make up the overhead which will form the weather-proof walkway.

Cost of the project will be taken from the "major improvements fund."

The walkway will be erected to discontinue the use of school buses to transport P.E. students to and from the gym on rainy days.

The project should be completed sometime in mid-February.



Covered walkway shown under construction.

Key Club has a growing responsibility

By John Estay

Michael Thomas, a member of the Key Club for the past three years, is Lieutenant Governor for Division 14, which includes all high schools along the Mississippi Gulf Coast with Key Clubs.

The basic tasks of a Lt. Gov. include filling out monthly reports for clubs along the Coast, sending out monthly newsletters, and attending President's Council and District Board meetings.

Along with these other assignments, his most important one is to form new Key Clubs. Starting new clubs is time consuming and takes a lot of hard work. The Lt. Gov. must go through many steps in forming a new club, such as meeting with the principal of the school or sending off the application for a charter. Presently, St. John High School and Coast Episcopal are in the process of forming Key Clubs. Once a club is formed, the work does not end. The Lt. Gov. must then monitor the club's progress very closely.

Thomas also has an active voice in the decision-making process of the Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tenn. District. He is a member of the Laws and Regulation committee which draws up legislation for our district.

When Michael's term comes to a close this April, he hopes to have started two new clubs and to have informed many people about the Key Club experience.

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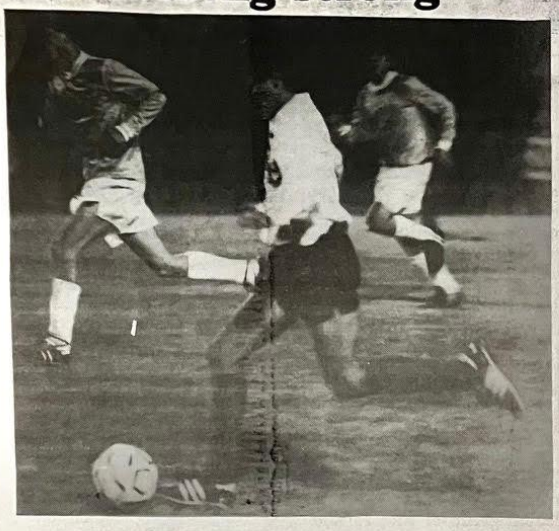
of drinking and driving.

One of the projects SADD and the Student Council will provide this year is to alert the public.

The project consists of taking a student out of class. His face will be painted white symbolizing the realization that a person dies in an alcohol-related accident every 18 to 20 minutes.

Rock soccer teams are holding strong



Rock player goes in for a score.

By Kevin Jacobi

Mid-season is here for our soccer teams. District competition is running a close race. Anything could happen. The Rocks are doing a good job so far, and are excellent in scoring, with 75 goals for and only 19 against.

St. Stanislaus finally got back on its feet during the Christmas holidays by beating Long Beach 1-0 in a game that we dominated. Even though it was a non-district game, the team and coaches were pleased with our play. Still, during the holidays, the Rocks were invited to the first annual Mississippi Catholic Tournament which was won by outstanding play by the Rocks.

Coach Quinlan said, "We learned from our mistakes in the first half about mental preparation, and now we understand we have to work for everything we get from here on out."

The junior varsity is doing an excellent job with its 9-0-2 record to date.

The varsity overall is 13-5-1, and in district play we are 3-2.

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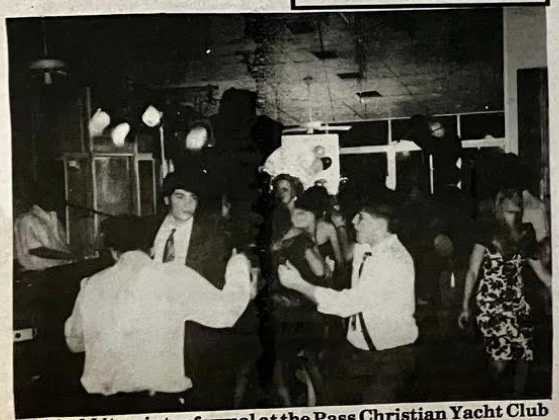

OLA held its winter formal at the Pass Christian Yacht Club early in January.

Sports

Track and field team should have good year

By Paul Johnson

The St. Stanislaus track and field team has for the past three years captured the District 4A title. This year the team's goal is not only to capture the District 4A title again, but the South State title, too.

Upon winning the South State title last year, the SSC track and field team placed an impressive third place in state.

The accomplishments of the track team can be attributed to excellent coaching and hard work. Coach Larry Ramsey and Coach Andy Kivlan have been an important factor in the team's success. With their ambition and dedication, they have put together the perfect combination for a winning team. Their ability to distribute talent in the right places has given the team the edge over the rest of the competition.

Although Coach Ramsey was not available at the time for comments, when spoken to earlier, he believes the team this year does not have the explosive speed it had last year. He said that this year's team has more constant speed rather than one or two individuals who excel above the others.

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J. T. Wood goes up for two points.

Basketball team improving

By Adam Breerwood

The Rock-A-Chaw varsity basketball team has enjoyed an up and down season.

Big plays and clutch free-throws are typically characteristic of Rock-A-Chaw basketball this year.

Last year, the Rocks earned a spot in the South State Playoffs, and with the talent they have this year and a little luck, they could be there again.

Seniors Ken Booker, Galen Smith and Erik York have poured in big plays for the Rocks.

The future looks bright with juniors Mike Lee, Grady Thigpen, Brandon Smith, Trent Terrell, Jay Wood, and the constant hustle of Steve Schruff.

Sophomores Gene Moran, Evan Morris, Sean Williams, and Jeff Bishop have enjoyed some varsity action this year and lend strength to the team down the line.

Team play is another characteristic of this year's team. They play every game tough, and they play to the bitter end. The Rocks stand at 8-11 thus far and are getting stronger all the time.

Coach Chuck Genin is assisted by Athletic Director Jerry Spell.

He who loves correction loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.
Proverbs, 12:1
Good Luck, Seniors

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SSC baseball preview

By Mick Quinlan

The SSC baseball team will be led this year by new head Coach Ourso, who led his team in Morgan City to the state semi-finals last year.

This year the Rocks will have seven returning starters from last year's state playoff team. The Rocks will be led at the plate by Adam Breerwood, Scott Peterson, and Kevin Jacobi who all hit .300 or higher last year.

Defensively, they will be led by a solid outfield, all of whom are returning starters. The baseball team got an early jump on the upcoming season. They have been practicing for about a month already. When asked how the team was looking after about a month of practice, Coach Ourso said, "Everyone and everything seems to be on schedule as far as the progress of our players and coaches in learning the new system. "We are optimistic about the upcoming season and await its beginning," Coach Ourso said.

The season opens March 1 against Stringer. The Rocks will also face such power houses as Biloxi, George County, Ocean Springs, Bay High, Long Beach and O. Perry Walker from New Orleans.

If the Rocks can get strong pitching performances from Bill Carrigee, Brian Potter, Terrell LaFontaine, and Brady Price, they should be an exciting team to watch and a winner on the scoreboard.

Coach Ourso is assisted by Coach Schultz, Coach Rafferty, and Andy Elkins who was the trainer for the University of Alabama's baseball team. The mixture of this new coaching knowledge and a veteran team should put the Rocks at the top of the District VIII 4A race.

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